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ANNUAL REPORT.

During the past year (June 1st, '98, to June 14th, '99) the Ontario Historical Society has found much to occupy its attention, and considerable time has been devoted to meetings of the Council.

At a Council meeting held in the Education Department on the 11th of June, 1898, the President read letters from the Women's Historical Society of Toronto, the Lundy's Lane Historical Society, and the Peterborough Historical Society, regarding money grants from the legislative appropriation of the Ontario Historical Society, to local societies for printing. In closing the discussion that ensued on this subject, the President mentioned what had been effected independently by various local organizations, and the opinion of the Council seemed to be adverse to the making of money grants from the legislative appropriation, but no resolution was passed on the subject.

The Women's Canadian Historical Society of Ottawa was duly affiliated with the Ontario Historical Society, in compliance with the terms of a communication from Lady Edgar.

A letter was read from the venerable Dr. Scadding congratulating the Society on its re-organization, and regretting his inability to attend the meeting.

The President, Secretary and Treasurer were appointed a Finance Committee, with authority to pass accounts, issue cheques, and transact all financial business.

It was resolved to appoint a committee of Council to be known as the Editorial Committee, whose duties shall be:

(*a*) To have, subject to the revision of the Council, control of all the printing of the Society, including transactions, circulars, constitution, and publications of every kind.

(*b*) All papers read before, or sent in to, the Society, shall be subject to the Editorial Committee, to which they must be submitted

for decision as to whether such papers shall be printed, and the Committee may make such omissions as in its judgment are deemed advisable.

Respecting the Simcoe and the U. E. Loyalist monuments funds, it was resolved that moneys heretofore appropriated by the Association or Society to them, be paid over at such time or times as the Finance Committee may deem expedient.

A committee was appointed to prepare a resolution acknowledging the services of Mr. W. Rennie as Treasurer, the resolution to be engrossed and forwarded to Mr. Rennie.

Another committee was appointed to prepare a suitable resolution respecting the departure of their Excellencies the Governor-General and the Countess of Aberdeen, and to have said resolution suitably engrossed and presented to their Excellencies.

The Secretary was instructed to procure a proper seal for the Society, and to have the Society's name placed on the mailing lists of the societies, libraries, public departments, etc., issuing publications of historic interest.

The Secretary was empowered to purchase the necessary office books and stationery.

By resolution the Editorial Committee was requested to issue at an early date a pamphlet, setting forth the objects of the Society, and to issue from time to time circulars inviting membership and calling attention to the necessity of collecting and preserving historical material, and that among the first publications of the Society should be Galinee's Journal and Map, with translation and notes; Records of the Detroit Land Board; Documentary Histories of Settlements, and Reminiscences of Pioneers.

A sub-committee was appointed to make arrangements with the Industrial Exhibition authorities respecting arrangements for the usual general meeting of the Society on the Exhibition grounds during the Fair.

On the 2nd of September, 1898, a general meeting of the Society was held in a tent near the York Pioneers' Log Cabin, on the Industrial Fair grounds (in accordance with a custom of the former Pioneer and Historical Association of the Province of Ontario), the President in the chair. His Honor Sir Oliver Mowat, K.C.M.G., Lieut.-Governor of the Province, was present.

The York Pioneers, represented by Mr. Wm. Rennie, presented the Society with a large photograph of the Rev. Dr. Scadding. On the

part of the Society the gift was accepted by Sir Oliver Mowat, who spoke feelingly and in the most laudatory terms respecting the historical labors of Dr. Scadding, who replied briefly, thanking those present for the hearty reception given to himself, and to the references regarding him in Sir Oliver's remarks.

The brass band in attendance played "Auld Lang Syne" and "The Maple Leaf Forever," after which all present marched to lunch at an adjoining booth. After luncheon the President proposed the healths of the Queen, the Governor-General, and the Lieut.-Governor, to all of which Sir Oliver Mowat responded in appropriate terms.

A very cordial resolution of welcome to Sir Oliver was carried.

After returning to the tent, Mr. C. C. James, Deputy Minister of Agriculture read an excellent paper on "Early Fairs in Upper Canada," referring also to the holding of fairs in the other provinces, and in the United States.

A resolution was passed expressive of gratitude to the Minister of Education for the institution of Empire Day, and thanking Mrs. Fessenden, the Corresponding Secretary of the Wentworth Historical Society, for having so happily originated the idea of such a day, as well as for the representations she has made so urgently on the subject, through the press, to school boards and to national and patriotic societies for the purpose of moving public sentiment in this direction.

It was also resolved that the Secretary should communicate with the various societies concerned relative to the moneys that have been collected or set apart for a Laura Secord monument, with a request that all such moneys be placed in the hands of the Finance Committee of the Ontario Historical Society, to be either expended or held at current rate of savings bank interest, until there is a sufficient sum collected to carry out the object of the fund; and that a committee be appointed to consider the matter and report at next meeting of the Society.

The advisability of forming a Provincial Historical Museum was considered, and a motion was carried appointing a committee to take such steps as might appear necessary to accomplish this object.*

The attention of the Society was called to the fact that no steps had been taken to preserve historical landmarks in the Niagara peninsula, and it was affirmed that certain privileges granted to a railway would encroach on the Fort George enclosure. A resolution

* It was on the basis of this resolution that steps were taken to hold the historical exhibition of 1899.

was therefore carried, affirming that this Society should join its efforts with those of Lundy's Lane Society and of the municipalities in the neighborhood, asking the Dominion Government to place the military reserves at Fort Erie, Fort George and Fort Mississauga under the care of the Niagara Falls Park Commissioners, as is Brock's monument; and begging that no railway privileges be permitted to interfere with Fort George enclosure, and that steps be taken to put these historic landmarks in order, that they may be preserved in the interests of all loyal Canadians.

In accordance with the terms of another resolution it was declared to be the opinion of this Society that steps should be taken at once towards united effort to erect the Simcoe monument, and that for this purpose the President of this Society and the presidents of all affiliated societies be requested to act as a committee.

By resolution, the settlement of places and dates for the annual and winter meetings was left to the Council.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, Sept. 10th, 1898.

A meeting of the Council was held here to-day, the President in the chair.

In opening the meeting he referred to the work he had undertaken in the translation of Galinée's Journal, and to his correspondence with General Clark, of Auburn, N.Y., respecting the reproduction and publication of Galinée's maps.

General J. S. Clark, of Auburn, N.Y., was elected a corresponding member of the Society.

Mrs. S. A. Curzon, the founder of the Women's Canadian Historical Society of Toronto, and Dr. Wm. Kingsford, F.R.S.C., were elected honorary members of the Society.

Mr. C. C. James was appointed a member of the Editorial Committee.

A committee was appointed to consider the question of incorporating the Society, to arrange the place of holding the annual meeting, and to make inquiry respecting the advisability of holding a winter meeting, with power to complete arrangements should such a meeting be thought desirable.

It was suggested that the Society should co-operate with Farmers' Institutes in providing the latter with occasional lectures and addresses on historical subjects.

The President referred in feeling terms to the recent death of Mrs. D. B. Read, wife of our 1st Vice-President, and it was resolved to send a note of condolence to Mr. Read on the occasion.

Fourteen ladies and gentlemen were admitted to membership.

January 6th, 1899.

The committee to arrange for the winter meeting met in the Education Department to-day.

A quorum of the Council being present, the names of two gentlemen were submitted for membership and accepted.

The subject of the Simcoe monument was discussed for some time, when it was decided to consider the matter more fully at a future meeting.

In connection with the recent death of Mrs. S. A. Curzon, the following resolution was passed:

"That the Council of the Ontario Historical Society wish to express their sincere sympathy with the family of the late Mrs. S. A. Curzon an honorary member of this Society, in the loss they have sustained in her death, and to place on record also their sense of the value of the work she performed for the Women's Canadian Historical Society of Toronto, of which she was an honored member and one of its chief founders and promoters."

Relative to the decease of Dr. Wm. Kingsford, it was resolved:

"That the Council of the Ontario Historical Society hereby place on record their appreciation of the important service rendered to the Dominion of Canada by the late Dr. William Kingsford, one of the honorary members of this Society, in the preparation and publication of his History of Canada; their desire to extend their sincere sympathy to Mrs. Kingsford; and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mrs. Kingsford."

The Secretary was instructed by motion, duly seconded, to apply to the Minister of Agriculture for 500 copies of any historical publications that may be issued by his department, for distribution among the members of the Society, and for purposes of exchange with sister societies.

Similarly Mr. James was requested to ascertain particulars respecting records left by the early missionaries of the Midland District, Rev. Messrs. McDowell and Langhorn; and the Secretary was instructed to make inquiry regarding the records of St. Andrew's and St. Mark's churches in Niagara, as to their safety, etc.

It was arranged to hold a winter meeting during the session of the Legislature, on a day to be named by the President; that on the afternoon of the first day reports be received from local societies, and that an endeavor be made to have at least two papers read as contributions from members of this Society, or of local societies; that the evening meeting be devoted to a paper or lecture by Mr. R. G. Thwaites, of Madison, Wis., and to brief addresses by others as may be arranged hereafter; and that the following forenoon be set apart for the transaction of general business.

The Secretary was instructed to notify all local societies by circular giving particulars, and requesting that delegates be appointed, at the same time extending a general invitation to attend the winter meeting.

Winter Meeting.

On the 15th of February this meeting was held in the theatre of the Education Department, Mr. James H. Coyne, President, taking the chair at 2 p.m.

After the delivery of a brief address by the President, a communication was read from the newly formed Belleville and Bay of Quinte Historical Society, asking for affiliation with this Society. On motion, this affiliation was effected.

Reports from the delegates of the local organizations were then read, the societies reporting being the Ottawa Women's Canadian Historical Society, the Toronto Women's Canadian Historical Society, the York Pioneer and Historical Association, the Thorold and Beaver Dams, the Elgin, the Wentworth, the Oxford, the Niagara, and the Lundy's Lane societies. All the reports indicated an increase of interest and growth of membership.

A resolution was adopted condemning the contemplated sale of the Old Fort, Toronto, for business purposes.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Toronto Guild of Civic Art, requesting the Society to appoint a committee to choose appropriate historic personages' names for the scrolls on Mr. Reid's fresco paintings in the new city hall, and a committee was appointed accordingly.

Mr. James pointed out that some arrangement should be made to preserve the best papers read before local societies, as well as articles of historic import appearing in newspapers. No resolution was passed, but the suggestion met with general approval.

Mrs. J. W. F. Harrison (Seranus) read some interesting selections from original archives. Mrs. J. H. Thompson read one on "Local

Reminiscences and the Importance of Local Legends," by Miss Amy Ball, of Thorold, and Miss FitzGibbon one on "Early Travel in Canada."

The President announced that Lord Minto, Governor-General, had consented to become an honorary member of the Society.

A committee was appointed to select sub-committees whose duty it would be to present reports next day on monuments and commemorative tablets; flag and commemoration days; historical exhibition and museum; and archives and publications.

On the President taking the chair at the evening session, in the theatre of the Education Department, he introduced Mr. Reuben Gold Thwaites, Secretary of the Wisconsin Historical Society, of Madison, Wisconsin, to a large and representative audience.

For upwards of an hour Mr. Thwaites addressed those present on "The Importance of the Study of Local History," and at the conclusion of the lecture he was tendered a very hearty vote of thanks on motion of Dr. Douglas Brymner, Dominion Archivist, seconded by Rev. G. M. Wrong, Professor of History in Toronto University.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Minister of Education for the use of the room, and for throwing the museum and art galleries open to the public after the evening session.

The Deputy Minister of Education responded.

On the following morning the sub-committees met at 9.30 o'clock, and reported to the Society at 10.30, when the President took the chair.

Digests of the reports are herewith given.

Monuments and Tablets Committee.

1st. Recommends asking Government for aid in erecting a Laura Secord monument, and understands that some moneys for this purpose are now in private hands.

2nd. Approves of a monument to commemorate the landing of the U. E. Loyalists at Niagara, recommends our appeal to descendants of the Loyalists for assistance, and that a Simcoe monument be erected in Toronto.

3rd. Urges municipalities and individuals to place brass tablets in conspicuous places to commemorate local historic events.

4th. Requests the Society to appoint this committee permanently.

MRS. E. J. THOMPSON, *Convener.*
W. H. DOEL, *Secretary.*

Report adopted, omitting the recommendation to ask aid from Government.

Archives and Publications Committee.

1st. Recommends that the Society communicate with the Provincial Registrar of births, deaths, and marriages respecting early *official* registers held by county officials, because the need of facilities in tracing family histories at some central point is widely felt.

2nd. That local societies be requested to collect or make copies of church registers and family bible records; also copies of fading epitaphs of historic interest, and that such records be preserved in fireproof depositories.

3rd. That local societies be requested to forward to this Society, copies of all papers of general interest read before such associations, or copies of newspapers in which the substance of such paper appears; that local societies be recommended to use the local press as much as possible, and to keep scrapbooks for clippings of all kinds relating to the people and neighborhood.

4th. That steps should be taken at once to form a central collection of portraits of public men, and that local societies be urged to do the same in their respective localities.

5th. That it is desirable to have affiliated historical societies in all the counties of this province, and this Society is recommended to make renewed efforts to accomplish this result.

6th. That this committee requests permission to report further at next meeting respecting the best method of interesting the various governing bodies of the province in the work of this society, and of affiliated societies.

GEO. R. PATTULO, *Convener.*
A. F. HUNTER, *Secretary.*

Report adopted.

Historical Exhibition and Museum Committee.

1st. Recommends that an Historical Exhibition should be held during the coming summer.

2nd. That it be under the auspices of the Ontario Historical Society, the present committee being continued, with power to add to its number.

3rd. Relating to legislative aid, was not adopted; and

4th. Asking this Society for the sum of $50 towards paying preliminary expenses, and a further sum afterwards "at the discretion

of the finance committee," was adopted only in so far as the $50 clause is concerned.

5th. Relieved the Society of unlimited financial responsibility.

MARY A. FITZGIBBON, *Convener.*
SARA MICKLE, *Secretary.*

Report adopted except as above noted.

On motion the Council was empowered to change the date of the annual meeting to suit the proposed exhibition.

Flag and Commemoration Days Committee.

1st. That the Education Department earnestly urge trustees of every school to provide each school-house with a flag, and that the raising of the flag on commemoration days be a mark of honor to deserving pupils.

2nd. That Empire Day (as already arranged for by the Minister of Education), Dominion Day, and Queen's or King's Birthday be of general observance for flag-raising; and that municipalities should select the anniversaries of important local historical events for a similar purpose.

3rd. That with the raising of the flag short addresses be delivered by prominent persons on the subject of the event commemorated.

MRS. C. FESSENDEN, *Secretary.*

Report adopted.

On motion it was suggested to all affiliated societies to make arrangements with local newspapers whereby historical contributions may appear in print under the direction of some one appointed by each Society, or of an editorial committee.

"The matter of the formation of a National or Dominion Historical Society or Association" was introduced by resolution, asking that the Council consider the subject and report at next meeting.

Another motion recommended "The study of the history of the pre-loyalists" to local societies and individuals.

A letter was read from Mr. C. C. James expressing regret on account of his inability to retain the chairmanship of the Exhibition Committee.

The President outlined a paper on the "First Presbyterian Church in New England," by Mr. Clendenning, of Chicago. The paper was referred to the Editorial Committee.

The Honorary President, Hon. G. W. Ross, addressed the meeting,

expressing his pleasure at the success which had attended the organization of the Ontario Historical Society.

The President, Mr. James H. Coyne, in his closing remarks spoke of the large amount of work accomplished by the Society since its formation.

The lady delegates were invited by the Toronto Women's Canadian Historical Society to a light repast.

The meeting was closed about 2 o'clock p. m. by all joining in singing the National Anthem.

Annual Meeting.

Parliament Buildings, Toronto, June 7th, 1899.

In compliance with the requirements of clause 5 in the Constitution the annual meeting was held to-day, but as the intention was to adjourn until the date of opening the Historical Exhibition, in accordance with a resolution passed at the general meeting in February, only a small number of members was present.

On motion, the annual meeting of the Society was adjourned until the 14th day of June in the Convocation Hall of Victoria University.

Victoria College, June 14th, 1899.

Preparatory to the annual meeting the Council met at 10 o'clock this morning to receive applications for affiliation from the newly-formed Women's Wentworth Historical Society of Hamilton, and the Lambton Historical Society. For the purpose of removing any doubt respecting the standing of the Wentworth Historical Society an application was presented from it also for affiliation.

On motion all the applications were received and affiliations effected.

Messrs. F. Yeigh and J. J. Murphy were appointed auditors.

Adjourned Annual Meeting.

Victoria College, June 14th, 1899.

The adjourned annual meeting was held in Convocation Hall of Victoria University to-day, the President taking the chair at 2 o'clock p.m.

After the reading of reports from local societies, Mr. T. Conant, of Oshawa, read a short paper on the United Empire Loyalists.

The President read letters of regret, respecting inability to attend the meeting, from Sir Oliver Mowat, Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario;

Archbishop O'Connor; President Loudon, of Toronto University; Chancellor Wallace, of McMaster University; Rev. Dr. H. Scadding; the Hon. A. S. Hardy, and others.

Chief Nelles Montour, of the Six Nations, addressed the meeting, followed by Professor G. Ferguson, of Queen's College, Kingston, and Mr. J. Ojijatekha Brant-Sero.

The Treasurer and Secretary read their reports for the year.

Reports were also received respecting the Laura Secord Monument Fund and the Historical Exhibition. These reports, on motion, were adopted. Respecting the Exhibition, it was resolved to continue the committee, and that said committee confer with the Council as to future work and the disposal of the results of the Exhibition, and to report at next annual meeting.

It was resolved that the question of establishing a Dominion Historical Association, consideration of which was to be taken up at this meeting, be referred to the Council with power to deal with it, and that the committee be continued.

A brief report was received from the Convener of the Commemoration Days and Flag Committee. The report, on motion, was adopted, after which the meeting adjourned until 8 p.m.

Among the delegates present during the day were seven chiefs, representing the Six Nation Indians and their allies.

EVENING SESSION, June 14th.

On the platform with the President were Lady Edgar, President of the Women's Canadian Historical Society of Toronto; Hon. G. W. Ross; Rev. A. E. Jones, S. J., of Montreal, and Andrew Pattullo, M.P.P., of Woodstock.

The committee appointed on the previous day to nominate officers for the year reported their choice as follows:

President—James H. Coyne, B.A., St. Thomas.

1st Vice-President—C. C. James, M.A., Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Toronto.

2nd Vice-President—J. Ojijatekha Brant-Sero, Hamilton.

Treasurer—Frank Yeigh, Toronto.

Councillors—Rev. P. L. Spencer, Thorold; Mary A. FitzGibbon, Toronto; George R. Pattullo, Woodstock; A. F. Hunter, M.A., Barrie; J. J. Murphy, Toronto.

The following committees also were recommended:

Flag and Commemoration Committee—Mrs. Fessenden, Hamilton; Miss FitzGibbon, Toronto; Mrs. G. E. Foster, Ottawa; Mrs. J. Rose Holden, Hamilton.

Archives and Publications Committee—G. R. Pattullo, Woodstock; Judge Ermatinger, St. Thomas; Prof. W. Houston, M.A., Toronto; A. F. Hunter, M.A., Barrie; J. H. Thompson, Thorold; Miss Janet Carnochan, Niagara; Miss Sara A. Mickle, Toronto; Mrs. Holden, Hamilton; Chief Nelles Montour, Ohsweken.

On motion the officers and committees nominated were declared elected.

A resolution was passed to hold the next annual meeting in the City of Hamilton.

The Hon. G. W. Ross, Honorary President of the Society, delivered a brief address of welcome, and spoke on the advantages likely to arise from the existence of historical societies.

The President followed with the reading of his annual address, the Honorary President in the chair.

Mr. Andrew Pattullo, M.P.P., the Rev. A. E. Jones and Chief Josiah Hill made short and appropriate speeches.

Lady Edgar moved, seconded by Mr. A. Pattullo, that the thanks of the Society be tendered to the trustees of Victoria College for the use of the hall, and the Rev. Dr. Burwash responded for the College authorities.

Mr. C. C. James moved, seconded by Mr. Geo. R. Pattullo, that in the opinion of the Ontario Historial Society it is extremely undesirable, on every public and patriotic ground, to permit of the historic Plains of Abraham becoming other than it now is—a great National Object Lesson; and it is hereby resolved that the officers of this Society, acting in the name of all the members, present a strong remonstrance respecting the threatened degradation of this memorable battlefield—a field whereon was fought a contest alike honorable to the vanquished as to the victors. Carried unanimously.

The meeting then adjourned.

At a Council meeting held immediately after the close of the annual meeting, Mr. Frank H. Severance, of Buffalo Historical Society, was elected a corresponding member.

Victoria College, June 26th, 1899.*

A meeting of Council was held in Victoria College to-day at 2 p.m., the President in the chair.

Mrs. J. H. Thompson presented a statement respecting the moneys collected by herself and others for the Laura Secord monument. It was suggested that in the amount named as having come from the Lundy's Lane Society, $50 should be credited to the 49th regiment, which had made this contribution and forwarded it to the society in question.

The report stated that the amount collected and either in Mrs. Thompson's hands or in the hands of others, was $559.11, Mrs. Thompson's personal expenses being $9.14.

Mr. Coates, secretary of the newly organized historical society in Halton, was present with a request for affiliation, but as the resolution in his hands did not mention that any name had been chosen by the society, action was deferred until a meeting to be called a week from to-day, in this place, at 2 o'clock p.m.

The Finance Committee, viz., the President, Secretary, and Treasurer, was reappointed with authority to pass accounts, issue cheques and transact all financial business.

On motion the President, Secretary, Mr. C. C. James and Mr. A. F. Hunter, were appointed an Editorial Committee for the year.

The account of Mr. Wm. Briggs for printing the first volume of papers and records was presented and ordered to be paid.

The Secretary and Messrs. James and Yeigh were appointed a committee to draft a letter, copies of which should be sent to the heads of the various government departments in Ottawa and Toronto, asking that a sufficient number of copies of all government documents having historical interest be allowed to this Society for distribution among its members; and the committee was also instructed to prepare a circular setting forth the advantages of membership respecting publications and the Society's own publications, with an explanation relative to the benefits likely to be derived by local societies from affiliation with this Society, and that copies of this circular be printed for distribution.

Col. Ernest Cruikshank was elected an honorary member of the Society.

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* The proceedings subsequent to the date of the annual meeting properly belong to next year's report, but for various reasons it seems well to bring the digest as nearly as possible up to date—Sept. 1st. D. B.

A discussion was carried on respecting the photographing of objects at the Historical Exhibition by unauthorized persons, but no resolution on the subject was put in shape.

It was resolved that the account of the Society be kept at the Spadina and College Avenue branch of the Bank of Commerce, in the name of the Society, cheques to be payable only on the order of the President and Treasurer, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Manager of the Bank, with the names of the President and Treasurer of the Society.

The President and Secretary were appointed a committee to address the Premier of the Dominion Government, expressing the strong desire of the Society that some provision be made for the family of the late Dr. Wm. Kingsford, historian.

The Secretary of the Historical Exhibition Committee was instructed to prepare a list of all articles mention of which was omitted from the Exhibition catalogue, and for so doing the sum of $20 was to be paid, the additional matter to be printed and issued with the remaining catalogues.

The meeting then adjourned.

July 1st, 1899.

The Council met in Victoria College to-day, the President in the chair.

In the absence of the Secretary, Miss FitzGibbon was appointed to act.

The meeting had been called mainly to receive the application of the Halton Historical Society for affiliation, but as the necessary papers not having been forwarded, this business was deferred.

Miss FitzGibbon reported the additional pages of the catalogue to make copy of from fifty to sixty additional pages, and her action in not having it printed as agreed upon at last meeting if the matter did not exceed four pages, and for which $20 would be paid her, and suggested that it be type-written (five copies), and reserved until funds were provided for publication.

The subject was thoroughly discussed, those present favoring the preparation of a permanent record of the Exhibition. The cost and probable sale of an illustrated catalogue were also discussed.

On resolution it was decided that the catalogue be accepted as prepared, if five type-written copies be supplied, the printing with illustrations or otherwise to be considered at a future meeting.

A number of new members were admitted to the Society.

On motion the Secretary was requested to give the full christian and surnames of members, together with any academic or other title, if any, as well as residence, with post-office address and street number; such particulars, if not now supplied, to be obtained by correspondence or otherwise.*

"It was also suggested, *in re* illustrated catalogue, that a cut of Father Jones be obtained from the owner to insert with the present Exhibition catalogue."

Meeting adjourned.

* This resolution probably has reference to published lists of members, as these appear in the Annual Reports.

SUMMARY OF TREASURER'S STATEMENT, ONTARIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY, TO JUNE 8TH, 1899.

RECEIPTS.

1898			
June 4.	Received from Wm. Rennie, Esq., late Treasurer	$307 98	
	Less Bank charges on cheque	0 75	
			$307 23
June 16.	Government grant		478 76
			$785 99

DISBURSEMENTS.

Secretary's salary	$100 00
Grant to Historical Exhibition	50 00
Winter session (including Mr. Thwaite's expenses, etc.)	92 73
Stationery, seal and office books	27 74
Postage, express, and telephone	14 61
Expenses of delegate to Royal Society	19 80
Other travelling expenses	49 90
Printing, stenographing, engrossing, and copying	250 85
Balance in bank	*180 36
	$785 99

*Membership fees do not appear in the above statement. They will appear in the Treasurer's report next year, having been paid to the Treasurer since June 14th, 1899.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

At the date of issue of our last annual report our total membership was 38, of whom 13 were *ex officio* members according to the terms of our constitution, 3 were honorary, and 22 were annual, elected members.

The elected members' names now on our books now number 108, which with 4 honorary and 13 *ex officio* members give us a total of 125.

Two of our honorary members elected at a Council meeting on September 10th, 1898, have died, viz., the highly gifted and most amiable Mrs. S. A. Curzon, founder of the Women's Canadian Historical Society of Toronto; and Dr. Wm. Kingsford, the distinguished author of Canada's recent and most voluminous history.

Up to June 14th the receipts from membership fees amounted to $73.

Petty disbursements, vouchers for which have been supplied to the Treasurer, amounted to $30.50, leaving a balance in his hands at the close of the year of $42.50.

Herewith is appended a list of the publications and some other documents that have become the property of the Society during the year.

Books.

History of Galt and Dumfries. By Hon. James Young. From the author.

Centennial of St. Andrew's, Niagara. By Miss Carnochan. From the author.

History of Scarboro Township. From Rev. D. B. Macdonald.

Out of Newspaperdom. By B. McEvoy. From the author.

The Selkirk Settlers. By R. G. McBeth. From Rev. Dr. Briggs.

The Making of the Canadian North-West. By R. G. McBeth. From Rev. Dr. Briggs.

Pearls and Pebbles. By Mrs. Traill. From E. S. Caswell.

Louisbourg in 1745. Edited by Professor G. M Wray.

Public Debt in Canada. Toronto University Publication.

Documentary History of the Campaign on the Niagara Frontier in 1814. By Major E. Cruikshank. Parts I. and II. From Miss Janet Carnochan.

Annals of Niagara. By W. Kirby, F.R.S.C. From Miss Carnochan.

Historical Sketches of Elgin County. From *Municipal World*, St. Thomas.

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Portrait.

Large photograph of Rev. Dr. Scodding. From the York Pioneers.

Maps.

Rev. Father Jones' Map of Huronia, showing sites of Indian Villages. From Mr. C. C. James, Toronto.

Plan of Toronto in 1834, drawn by late Alpheus Todd, L.L.D., C.M.G., when thirteen years of age. From Mrs. J. H. Thompson, Toronto.

As soon as we have sent out some of our own publications we may expect our list of exchanges to increase.

Some of the books here listed came to us in lieu of money payments, and average in value more than the membership fee.

The Canadian Archives, the University Historical Reviews, and a some other publications, are in paper covers, and should be bound. Cases, too, ought to be procured for the proper classification and safe-keeping of the pamphlets; but where a series of these is complete, they should be bound into one or more volumes.

Members of our own and of local societies are cordially invited to send to us copies of every pamphlet and fly-leaf that may appear on any subject. As a rule, anything that is worth printing is worth preserving; and although many publications of this kind seem to possess only ephemeral interest, they should not be lost sight of on this account. Even hand-bills are sometimes possessed of no little historical importance.

Everything that has any bearing on our agricultural, mineral, manufacturing and mercantile occupations; on political, municipal, educational and ecclesiastical topics; on our railways and canals; on natural history; on archæology; on folk-lore; on local events of importance; on pioneers and notable persons of every kind, ought to find here a place of safe-keeping, and even newspaper cuttings (dated and giving the name of the newspaper) will be received gratefully when they refer to important local events.

Information is sought respecting old township records; private registers of births, marriages and deaths, as these may have been kept by clergyman, or others; minutes of extinct organizations of every kind; old account books, and everything in manuscript form that in any way throws light on the early days of this colony.

Should such documents be loaned (or, preferably, presented) to this Society, their contents will be carefully examined by the Editorial Committee, and, if found worthy of reproduction, printed by the Society.

DAVID BOYLE, *Secretary.*

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS.

Toronto, June 14th, 1899.

The present is the twelfth annual meeting of this Society since its original organization under the name of "The Pioneer and Historical Association of the Province of Ontario." It is the second annual meeting under the new name, "The Ontario Historical Society"; and it is the first held by our association as an incorporated body.

It is interesting to compare and contrast our surroundings to-day with those of former annual gatherings. After successful meetings at Toronto, Brampton, and Hamilton, the old organization met two years ago in the old court house at Niagara. The glory of the ancient capital of Upper Canada has departed. Its beauty and historic attractions remain. Its sod covers the dust of the pioneers. Within easy distance of our place of meeting were Forts George, Mississauga, and Niagara, renowned in history. The barracks of Butler's Rangers across the common, the old parade ground, the landing place of the Loyalists, the presence of a large representation of the council of the Six Nation Indians, the lofty monument of General Brock on Queenston Heights, were impressive reminders of some of the most thrilling pages in the early history of our province.

A council of the Iroquois Indians was held during our session. In ancient days many a similar council deliberated under the walls of Fort Niagara or Fort George. Our Indian brothers wear gracefully enough the unpicturesque garb of the European; but, accustomed as we were to this every-day fact, it did not require Tammas Haggart's keen sense of humor to detect something incongruous when chiefs, whose names were borne centuries ago by Hiawatha's original associates, took part in the ritual and solemn debates of an Iroquois council apparelled in Prince Albert coats, Derby or silk hats, and red neckties. Those of our members who were present will not readily forget the dignity of their procedure, the courtesy and decorum with which they conducted animated discussions.

A year ago we assembled at Ohsweken, in the council house of the Six Nations, and were favored with the presence of chiefs, warriors and women of the confederacy, to the number of two hundred and upwards. We were welcomed after the ancient ritual to their council fires. The address of welcome delivered on that occasion by the speaker of the council, Chief Dehkanenraneh (A. G.

Smith), is reported in our proceedings, and is worthy of note for its terseness and characteristic metaphorical expression. In oratory the red man has succeeded in maintaining the traditions of his race. In strong contrast with the painted and feathered warriors who presented themselves in their aboriginal finery upon the occasion were observed two excellent Indian rifle companies, wearing the Queen's uniform, officered by chiefs of their race, and the Sergeant-Major of the county battalion of volunteers, himself a stalwart Iroquois. Overhead floated the Union Jack, to which impressive reference was made by aboriginal orators, whose ancestors had fought its battles on many a bloody field.

To-day we meet in the newer capital of the province amid more modern surroundings. The splendid park, the noble parliament buildings, the stately universities and colleges, the many comfortable homes of Toronto, are reminders that we are at the seat of the wealth, commerce, learning, legislation and government of the province. And I will now say that our heartiest thanks are due, and I take the liberty of tendering them on behalf of the Society and the exhibition committee, to the authorities of Victoria University, for so generously placing at our disposal for this meeting and the exhibition in connection with which it is held, these beautiful halls, than which it would be hard indeed to find any in any city better adapted for the purpose.

During the past year an important step has been taken by the Ontario Historical Society. At the last session of the Legislature the organization was incorporated with powers similar in all respects to those possessed by the Royal Society of Canada.* The Act also contains provisions for incorporating local historical societies in the simplest possible manner. Societies already affiliated may become incorporated by merely passing a resolution to that effect, and forwarding copies to the Secretary and to the Education Department. The Elgin Historical and Scientific Institute and the Wentworth Historical Society have been the first to take advantage of this provision. Societies not affiliated at the time of the passage of the Act become incorporated by the mere act of affiliation, which is granted by the council of the provincial society on application. Advantage should be taken of these provisions by historical associations throughout the province. Although corporations are sometimes said to have no souls, yet they possess a kind of immortality; and the existence

*The Bill for the incorporation of the Society was introduced and carried through its various stages by Andrew Pattullo, Esq., M.P.P.

of permanent incorporated bodies having power to receive gifts, devises and bequests will no doubt in the course of time induce many people to contribute books and other articles of historic value to the libraries and museums of such societies, where otherwise they might hesitate to do so.

It has been the experience of more than one of our towns that certain historical or antiquarian societies have got together considerable collections, and afterward, through the death or departure of some of the more active members, been dissolved and their collections have fallen into the hands of individuals who have disposed of them for their private advantage. Valuable treasures, historical and archæological, have been permitted in this way to leave the country and are now the property of the Smithsonian and other institutions, whose gain is, of course, our loss. To prevent such a contingency in the future, the Act of incorporation provides in effect that in the event of any affiliated society ceasing to exist, the Ontario Historical Society may immediately take possession of the same, but merely as curator, until a similar society shall be formed in the same municipality, when the property must be forthwith handed over to the new society, upon proper conditions and provisions for the security of the same. The propriety of such provision will, it is believed, be recognized by all.

The Ontario Historical Society is now by the action of the legislature empowered to receive gifts and bequests of property, real and personal, for the purpose of forwarding the objects for which it was constituted. These objects are, shortly, the collection, preservation, exhibition, and publication of materials for the study of history, especially the history of Ontario and Canada, the maintenance of a gallery of historical portraiture, and an ethnological and historical museum, the publication of information relative to the history of the Province and the Dominion, and, in general, the encouragement of the study of history, the formation of local societies, and the promotion of friendly intercourse and co-operation between them.

Prior to the reorganization, membership was confined to delegates from local societies. Under the new constitution we have also *ex officio*, honorary, and annual members, the first class being headed with the names of His Excellency the Governor-General, and His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, who have kindly allowed their names to be used in this capacity. We have already a large and representative list of members in addition to the delegates, but the numbers should be increased to many hundreds throughout the province.

Death has removed during the past year two of our honorary members, William Kingsford, LL.D., F.R.S.C., etc., and Mrs. S. A. Curzon. Dr. Kingsford was happy in seeing the completion of the gigantic work which had occupied many of the closing years of his life. His "History of Canada" is a noble and enduring monument of his learning and research. The memory of his devotion and self-sacrifice to what he regarded as a patriotic duty, will long remain as an inspiration to Canadians. Mrs. Curzon had contributed much to the fostering of a patriotic spirit by her publications, both in prose and verse. After having been largely instrumental in the establishment of the Women's Historical Society of Toronto, she had lived to see it become, in a few years, the most flourishing historical society in Ontario.

The number of affiliated societies has been increased by five since our last annual meeting, and now amounts to sixteen. Steps are being taken for the formation of others in various parts of the province. The past year has been one of active and varied work. Two special sessions have been held. The usual September meeting at the Industrial Fair was favored with the presence of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, who, I may add, has taken a particular interest in the society. May I be pardoned for venturing respectfully to express the hope that Sir Oliver Mowat will at some convenient time publish in permanent form some reminiscences of his long and remarkable public career? His close friendly relations with the leading statesmen of Canada during half a century, his knowledge of men, his insight into their character and aims, their principles of action and modes of operation, his own large share in directing legislation and government for a period unprecedented in the empire's annals, would add to his narrative a weight and an authority not easy to estimate.

At the winter session in February we had the advantage of hearing an address by Mr. Reuben G. Thwaites, the distinguished Secretary of the Wisconsin Historical Society, remarkable among historical societies for the generous support it receives from the state, as well as for the amount of work accomplished. Local societies reported progress, and papers of importance and value were read or handed in. By our meetings attention has been aroused in various parts of the province, and one of the results, as I have already stated, has been the formation of five new local societies.

The preservation of historic sites and monuments, the erection of memorials to those who have deserved well of the country, and the

promotion of a proper Canadian and British national sentiment, are matters in which our Society should be and is specially interested. We have by resolutions and correspondence with the authorities endeavored to secure the preservation of Fort Erie and of the Old Fort at Toronto. Fort George has been saved from the possibility of conversion into a railway right of way by the energetic efforts of Hon. J. G. Currie, of St. Catharines, and others, warmly supported by the neighboring historical societies of Niagara, Thorold and Beaver Dam, and Lundy's Lane.

A strongly worded resolution of the provincial society at its September meeting in furtherance of their action was so effective that on the very day and almost at the moment of its passage, and in fact before it could have been sent on to Ottawa, the Privy Council rescinded the lease of Fort George to the railway company. This example of telepathic influence may perhaps be deemed worthy of consideration by the Psychological Society. It is fair to add that the urgent representations of the Provincial Government to that of the Dominion were a most powerful factor in bringing about the happy result. It is for the Society to say whether the efforts being made to preserve the Plains of Abraham in their present condition should receive its support.

Steps have been taken towards the erection of a suitable monument over the grave of Laura Secord. It is hoped that this laudable movement will be successful. The Monument and Tablets Committee, under Mrs. J. H. Thompson's energetic direction, has also urged the importance of marking all historic spots with memorial tablets, so that the community may be constantly reminded of its debt to the beginners and benefactors of the nation, and stimulated to patriotic effort and sacrifice. The Canadian Club, of Toronto, has taken effective steps in the same direction.

The Society has also urged the desirability of having every school provided with a flag, to be raised on anniversaries of national or local significance, and has cordially co-operated in the movement for the institution of a "flag day" or "empire day," during which special prominence may be given to instruction as to the extent and history of the British empire, and its meaning to Britons and the world. The first Empire Day was celebrated generally throughout Ontario on the 23rd day of May, and to some extent in other parts of the Dominion. The idea has been warmly approved in the mother land. If its purpose was the spread of mere jingoism many would be disposed to withhold approval. That is not, however, as I understand it, the

object of its promoters. In so far as it aims at promoting the proper national pride and sense of responsibility that spring from adequate self-knowledge, the results can only be beneficial to the community. The name of the Hon. Dr. Ross will be always associated with the establishment of Empire Day. Special mention should also be made of Mrs. Fessenden, who is entitled to every credit for the inception of the idea and her successful efforts to bring it before the public.

Besides issuing the usual annual report the Society has during the past year made a beginning in the publication of records and other historical material. The pamphlet of "Papers and Records" placed in the hands of our members to-day is but the first, we hope, of a series of similar productions. By such publications historical material will be preserved which might otherwise be destroyed by fire, mislaid by a careless employee, or in various other ways lost to the world. Baptismal, marriage and burial records of the pioneers may be the dry bones of history; but it is by such skeletons that the living forms are supported which otherwise would be mere masses of limp and inert tissue. Many early marriages were performed by justices of the peace whose records (where records were kept at all) are in private hands and exposed to all the vicissitudes of time and change. It is important that these should be gathered, preserved, and published for the use of students interested in following up the history of settlement. So with early letters, diaries, genealogies, and other manuscripts, maps, portraits, etc.

It is desirable that publications of an historical character issued by the various public departments at Toronto and Ottawa should be procured for the use of our members. Mr. A. F. Hunter's very valuable monograph on Huron Village Sites appears as an appendix to the report of the Minister of Education. The municipal records collected by Mr. C. C. James are published in the Report of the Minister of Agriculture. An effort is being made to have such publications distributed to our members from time to time as issued.

I may mention here that the papers of the founder of the Talbot settlement have lately been placed in my custody by Mr. Talbot Macbeth, of London, Ontario, with permission to use them for publication if deemed expedient. They include many letters from early governors, generals, and other military officials, especially during the war of 1812, and a few drafts of replies sent by Colonel Talbot. A hasty perusal enables me to state that they will furnish a considerable quantity of valuable new material for the history of the settlement called after Tyrconnel's eccentric descendant, and will throw interesting side-

lights on the history of the war. Documentary material may be available for histories of the various other settlements. To collect and publish these falls properly within the scope of our Society.

The publication of the Galinée volume has been delayed by the illness of General John S. Clark, whose co-operation had been kindly promised for the purpose of annotating important parts of the narrative. I regret to say that he has been obliged to intimate that he cannot hope to put his materials in shape for publication. It is expected, however, that by making other provision for this portion of the notes the annotations for the entire journal may be ready for the printer within a few months. The rest of the volume is now ready for the press, including the extremely valuable and interesting copy of Galinée's map, an exact reproduction of General Clark's own copy. This will be the first publication of an accurate copy of the lost original, which was the first map of the upper lakes made from actual exploration.

For the purpose of interesting the people of Ontario in its history no better object lesson could be furnished than the Historical Exhibition this day opened under auspices so distinguished.

The object directly aimed at is the establishment of a permanent historical museum. A resolution passed at the September meeting initiated the movement. The real work, as is usually the case, naturally and necessarily devolved almost entirely upon the ladies of Toronto. Under the distinguished and efficient chairmanship of Lady Edgar, and of Mrs. Forsyth Grant who officiated in her absence, the Exhibition Committee have toiled assiduously for many months, and now the end crowns the work. To the ladies of the Women's Historical Society and the other ladies who have so kindly co-operated; to the gentlemen whose assistance has been so valuable, especially in the necessary financial arragements; to the authorities of Victoria University, who gave the use of their beautiful building for the purpose, the people of Toronto and of the province, and particularly the members of the Ontario Historical Society, are indebted for an exhibition which should and probably will mark an epoch in the history of history in this province. May I, without being open to the charge of being invidious, mention the name of Miss FitzGibbon, the tireless secretary of the Exhibition Committee, to whose initiative and exhaustless energy in organizing and directing the work the success of the enterprise has been so largely due? No better object lesson, I repeat, could be furnished, than this magnificent collection of articles of historical interest. What we gather slowly and laboriously from

written and printed records is here apprehended in a moment with a glance of the eye. The concrete object teaches us without effort what columns of description would fail to communicate. What was vague and uncertain to the mind of the student is here crystallized into fixed and definite knowledge. The citizen whose attention has not previously been given to historical subjects will find his interest aroused and excited, and will naturally have recourse to the printed volume or the written record for further and detailed information. And there is this further benefit, the interest in life and the age we live in will be quickened by the perceived relation to the past. Our ideas, our sympathies will be broadened by the wider outlook that history affords. We shall be better men and women, more patriotic citizens, and therefore, according to the poet, truer cosmopolitans. The memorials of early missionaries and explorers will teach us heroism. Seeing the evolution of civilization and culture during the hundred years of the history of settlement, we shall be inclined to face the future with a more assured faith, strengthened by knowledge of what has been done and what is being accomplished from year to year. And looking not down but up, not backward but forward, we may fairly hold, with the good rabbi Ben Ezra, while duly valuing the past, that the present is better, and

> "the best is yet to be,
> The last of life for which the first was made."

1899.

NIAGARA HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

ORGANIZED DEC. 12TH, 1895.

MOTTO—*Ducit Amor Patriæ.*"

Patron, - - - -	Wm. Kirby, F.R.S.C.
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Dr. Scadding, Lieut.-Col. Cruikshank,
Capt. R. O. Kouple, Major Hiscott,
Dr. Jessop, M.P.P., John Ross Robertson, M.P.,
David Boyle.

Since our last report we have to chronicle fair progress during the year. Three delegates attended the annual meeting of the Ontario Historical Society at Ohsweken, and much enjoyed the visit to our red brothers, who entertained us so hospitably.

During the year we have sent several petitions relating to subjects within the province of historical societies—one to the Minister of Militia, and to the Secretary of State, complaining of the use made of the building known as "Navy Hall," and received favorable replies.

On September 1st we joined in a vigorous protest against the Michigan Central Railway obtaining a lease of Fort George, and rejoice that in consequence the lease was cancelled.

We also sent a protest against the proposed sale of the Plains of Abraham. A petition was also sent to the Ontario Government asking for a grant to erect some memorial to the landing of the United Empire Loyalists, asking that to take the form of a building to contain our rapidly increasing historical collection, but so far very little progress has been made in this direction.

A further petition was also sent asking that some of the old cannons be sent to this historic town, and a promise has been given to this effect.

Monthly meetings have been held chiefly for the transaction of business, but at one of these an interesting paper was read, contributed by Miss FitzGibbon, drawn from letters from the Jarvis family, written from Niagara, 1792-1810.

During the year many contributions have been received for the historical room, their being now over 1,000 articles in our collection, among them 100 framed documents and pictures. The room is open every Saturday, and over 200 visitors during the year have enrolled their names. The contributions are acknowledged in the local paper in a short historical article fortnightly. Many letters are received asking information from our documents; this is frequently given, showing the value of historical societies.

John Ross Robertson, M.P., has kindly printed for us 500 copies of a catalogue containing twelve pages, and we gladly acknowledge our indebtedness for this favor.

During the year we issued Pamphlet No. 4, containing a paper read by J. H. Coyne, Esq., on "Memorial to U. E. Loyalists"; "Queenston Heights," by the Hon. J. G. Currie; "Museums," by David Boyle; "Monuments," by Miss Carnochan. Pamphlet No. 5 is just about ready, and contains a sermon by Rev. Robert Addison about 1815; History of Mrs. Jean Baptiste Rousseaux; "Historic Houses," by Alex. Serros, Esq., Charles Taggart, Jessie McKenzie; "Palatine Hill and Evolution of an Historical Room," by our President. To this pamphlet there are three illustrations, and it is the desire of the Society to obtain illustrations and descriptions of all the historic houses in the neighborhood.

Our membership is not large. Several at a distance have joined to obtain our pamphlets, and we exchange with several historical societies.

A grant has again been given by the Ontario Government for printing purposes, and we feel that we have much reason for thankfulness for the work we have been able to accomplish.

LUNDY'S LANE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

NIAGARA FALLS SOUTH, ONT., June 9th, 1899.

On behalf of the Lundy's Lane Historical Society I beg to report at this time. Our Society has just added Part III. of "Documentary History, 1812-14," to its list of publications. The whole series of "Documentary History" now comprises about 850 pages, and is most valuable. Thanks are altogether due to Lieut.-Col. (formerly Captain) Cruikshank, Fort Erie, who has collected the documents from reliable sources. The anniversary observed by the Lundy's Lane Historical Society is July 25th, the memorable date of the battle in 1814. The names of delegates from the Lundy's Lane Historical Society to the Ontario Society are Canon Bull, M.A., Jas. Wilson, C.E., Venerable Archdeacon Houston, M.A., Lieut.-Col. Cruikshank.

GEO. A. BULL, *President, L.L.H.S.*

PEEL PIONEERS' SOCIETY.

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A number of interesting papers have been read before the Society during the year.

The initiation fee has been advanced to fifty cents, and annual dues twenty-five cents.

L. CHEYNE, *Secretary.*

WOMEN'S CANADIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF OTTAWA.

February, 15th, 1899.

The Women's Canadian Historical Society of Ottawa owes its origin to the efforts of Lady Edgar, who gathered together on the third day of June, 1898, in her drawing-room, on Parliament Hill, a little company of ladies to discuss the formation of a Women Historical Society. The meeting was representative, thirty ladies being present, and the interest aroused by Lady Edgar's words explanatory of the need and nature of an historical society was indicative of the cordial support which the organization was to receive from the women of Ottawa generally. A resolution was moved by Lady Ritchie, seconded by Mrs. George E. Foster, and carried unanimously, which ran thus: "Resolved that steps be taken to form a Women's Canadian Historical Society of Ottawa," and a provisional committee was thereupon chosen, with our President of to-day as Convener. The duties of this committee were to draft a constitution and attend to all the necessary preliminaries to a successful organization in the autumn. The second of the processes of the formation was a very pleasant address by Miss FitzGibbon, delivered a week later in the drawing-room of Mrs. S. E. Dawson, on the working and value of the Toronto sister society, which added fuel to the enthusiasm. The success of the proposed society became a matter of determination with those present, whose number had grown from the last meeting.

The provisional committee did not meet again until October the 15th, when they succeeded in drawing up a constitution on the model of that of the Women's Canadian Historical Society of Toronto. The formation meeting of the Society was held in the Normal School Hall on the afternoon of Friday, November 8th, at 3 30 o'clock. Mrs. George E. Foster presided, and there were between forty and fifty ladies present. The following officers were elected on the nomination of the provisional committee.

Honorary President, - - - Lady Laurier.
President, - - - Mrs. George E. Foster.

Vice-Presidents:

Lady Caron,
Madam La Mothe,
Lady Bourinot,
Mrs. R. Dobell,
Miss Harmon,
Mrs. T. C. Keefer,
Mrs. H. K. Egan.

Recording Secretary, - - - Mrs. C. O'Connor,
Treasurer, - - - Mrs. T. Ahearn,
Corresponding Secretary, - - Miss Kenny, B.A.

Executive Committee:

Lady Davis, Mrs. Clifford Sifton,
Mrs. Robert Sedgwick, Mrs. George E. King,
Mrs. George W. Burbidge, Mrs. Joseph Pope,
Mrs. Martin Griffin, Mrs. S. E. Dawson,
Madame Rhéaume.

The date of the annual meeting was fixed for the 29th of March, the anniversary of the granting of royal assent to the North American Act in the year 1867. The regular meetings were appointed to take place on the second Friday in the month, at 3 o'clock, in the Y.W.C.A. Hall, owing to the impossibility of securing a room in the Normal School.

Let me briefly summarize the work of our Society since its organization. A drawing-room meeting at the residence of Mrs. T. Ahearn, whose chief feature was an exhibit of relics of By-town, did much to help on the Society. The following scheme of study for 1898-99 was arranged by the executive and printed for distribution among the members, who now number one hundred and eighteen.

PROGRAMME OF STUDY, 1898-99.

French Régime in Canada.

1. Discoverers and Explorers of Canada.
2. Champlain in Canada.
3. Trading Companies up to 1663.
4. The Indian Allies of the French.
5. Jesuit Missions and Missionaries.
6. Indian Hostilities during the 17th Century.
7. Frontenac in Canada.
8. The Extent, Population and Social Condition of New France at the end of the 17th Century.
9. Seven Years War in America.

Two papers are read at each meeting, one on "The French Régime," the other on "Local History." These have been:

December 9th—"The Various Race Elements Traceable in the Settlement of Canada," by Mrs. W. W. Campbell. "The Earliest Records of By-town," by the Corresponding Secretary."

January 13th—"Early French Colonization," by Mme. B. Sulte. "The Last Chief of the McNabs," by Mrs Harold Pinkey.

February 10th—"Customs and Habits of Early French Colonizers," by Lady Caron, read by Mme. Lelievre. "The Early Days of By-town," by Miss Read.

It has been adopted as the policy of the Society to hold a series of evening open meetings, and it was our happy fortune to be able to inaugurate them with a lecture by Sir John Bourinot, K.C.M.G., L.L.D., Lit.D., on the "Loyalist Makers of Canada." Mr. B. Sulte, F.R.S.C., followed a month later with a lecture on the "Origin of the French-Canadians." Lectures by other eminent men are arranged to continue the series.

Our Society in its short existence has also adopted three important resolutions—a resolution endorsing the action of the Women's Canadian Historical Society of Toronto, in protesting against the erection of a monument to the memory of General Montgomery in the City of Quebec; a resolution protesting against the threatened partition of the Plains of Abraham into building lots, in accordance with the request of the Quebec Literary and Historical Society; a resolution, accompanied by the signing of memorials, protesting against the further disfigurement of Major's Hill Park and Nepean Point.

F. G. KENNY, *Cor. Secretary,*

June 13th, 1899.

The Women's Canadian Historical Society of Ottawa has held during 1898-99 seven regular meetings, its first annual meeting on March 29th, besides several special meetings for the transaction of business. It has reached a membership of 150. The year has been very successful, and the prospects are bright for the welfare of the Society.

Since February, when a report was presented before your Society, the following papers have been read:

March 10—"A Page from the Annals of Our First Missions," by Madame La Mothe. "The Early Settlers of the Township of March," by Mrs. T. Ahearn.

March 29th—"The County of Renfrew in the Early Days," by Mrs. J. L. McDougall.

April 14th—"The Second Administration of Frontenac," by Miss La Rue. "The Battle of Chrysler's Farm," by Madam Rhéaume.

May 12th—"Canada from 1700 to 1760," by Miss A. Walker. "Battle of Lundy's Lane," by Mrs. Jesse Ketchum.

One open meeting was held, at which Dr. S. E. Dawson kindly lectured on the subject of "Indian Warfare on the Canadian Border in Revolutionary Times."

In the three months that have passed the chief undertaking has been an Historical Exhibition lasting four days, which was widely attended, and a success financially and in every way. Many of the exhibits have been since forwarded to form a part of the Canadian Historical Exhibition, under the control of your Society.

We have contributed as a Society towards the Laura Secord monument at the request of the Monuments and Tablets Committee.

A resolution was adopted at the May meeting, in accordance with the request of Miss Kingsford, urging the Governnent strongly to consider favorably her petition for a grant in acknowledgment of her father's literary services to the country.

The annual meeting resulted in the re-election of the original officers with the addition of Mrs. Featherstone to the Executive. Her Excellency the Countess of Minto was present and consented to act as patron during her stay in Canada.

Signed on behalf of the Society,

F. GERTRUDE KENNY, *Corresponding Secretary.*

ELGIN HISTORICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTE.

To the President and Members of the Ontario Historical Society:

The Elgin Historical and Scientific Institute begs leave to report as follows:—

1. That during the last year the publication of the historical sketches of school sections of the county has been continued. The publication of these papers tends to popularize the study of the early history of the county, and the general public are taking an increasing interest in the objects of the Society. Among the papers presented at the meetings of the Institute are the following:

"The English Puritan and His Place in History," by Mr. Cecil F. Lavelle. "Lake Medad and the Indian Trails," by Mr. J. H. Coyne. The Life of Captain Peter Teeple," by Mr. W. B. Waterbury.

An interesting and successful Historical Exhibition was held during the last week in May, and numerous articles and books have been donated to the museum and library of the Institute.

The Institute will have permanent quarters in the Municipal Building now being erected in the city, and having become incorporated under the Act passed at the last session of the Legislature, we expect in the future the museum will be one of the leading features. The officers of the Institute for the present year are as follows:

President, - - - -	J. A. Bell.
Vice-President, - - -	W. B. Waterbury.
Editor, - - - - -	Judge Ermatinger.
Secretary-Treasurer - - -	Miss McCartney.

Members of the Council:

Jas. H. Coyne,	Mrs. J. H. Coyne,
K. W. McKay,	E. H. Caughell,
W. Atkin,	W. Murch,
Judge Hughes,	Mrs. Burns,

Miss Ermatinger.

Preliminary proceedings have been taken towards a centenary celebration of the landing of Colonel Talbot at Port Talbot in 1803.

Dated at St. Thomas, this 13th day of June, A.D. 1899.

J. A. Bell, *President.*

A Copy of Resolution passed at a Meeting of the Institute held on Monday, the 5th day of June, 1899.

Moved by K. W. McKay, seconded by E. H. Caughell, that whereas by section 9 of an Act passed at last session of the Legislature, being an Act to incorporate the Ontario Historical Society, it is enacted that any historical or pioneer society now affiliated with said Society may become incorporated with all the powers and privileges of said Society by passing a resolution to that effect, stating the proposed incorporate name and forwarding a copy of said resolution under the hands of its President and Secretary to the Education Department and the Secretary of said Ontario Historical Society, it is therefore resolved that this Society become incorporated pursuant to the said Act under the corporate name of the Elgin Historical and Scientific Institute.

J. A. BELL, *President.*

K. W. MCKAY, *Secretary, pro tem.*

[The above shows a good form of application for affiliation. Unfortunately owing to delay in delivery at the Secretary's office, this application was not attended to at the annual meeting when the Council was in session. It will come up for consideration on September 1st, prox.]—D. B.

BELLEVILLE AND BAY OF QUINTE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

February 13th, 1899.

I beg to report that the Belleville and Bay of Quinte Historical Society has been duly organized with the following officers, and that we desire to affiliate with the Provincial Historical Society:

President, - - - Mrs. W. N. Ponton.
Vice-President, - - Mr. Arthur McGuinness.
Treasurer, - - - Mrs. May.

Secretaries,

Miss Lister, Mr. F. Davy Diamond.

Provisional Committee (with power to add to their numbers):

Sir Mackenzie Bowell, Major J. L. Biggar,
Captain Thomas Stewart.

We can promise that a good many articles of historic interest will be at the service of the committee having in charge the arrangements for the Exhibition which is proposed to be held in Toronto.

Yours very truly,

W. N. PONTON, *for Secretaries.*

LAMBTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

SARNIA, March 14th, 1899.

I beg to inform you that on the 10th inst., the Lambton Historical Society was organized here with over forty active members. The officers are·

Honorary President, - - -	Hon. Alex. Vidal.
President, - - - -	F. C. Watson (Mayor).
1st Vice-President, - - -	Rev. John Thompson. D.D.
2nd Vice-President, - - -	Elgin Wood,
Secretary, - - - -	Joshua Adams.
Treasurer, - - - -	Daniel McCart.

Executive Committee:

I. S. Symington, J. Dalziel,
Dr. Johnston, M.P.

It was resolved: That the annual meetings be held on the first Friday of March. That the active membership fee be fifty cents annually, and life membership fee be $10. That there shall be three classes of members—active, life, and honorary. That ladies may be members. That the Executive Committee prepare an outline of subjects for discussion, addresses, or essays, and arrange a suitable place for the Society's meetings. That the Secretary correspond with residents in the several sections of this county and elsewhere to enlist their co-operation. That the Ontario Historical Society be notified of the organization of the Society with a view to affiliation; and that the thanks of this meeting be tendered to the Mayor for his courtesy in giving the use of the police court room for this occasion. The Society commences its work with over forty active members, and the Secretary will be glad to obtain the names of all who desire to become connected with the organization.

JOSHUA ADAMS, *Secretary.*

HALTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

June 30th, 1899.

On Tuesday evening, May 16th, 1899, at 8 o'clock, the following persons met Mr. David Boyle at the call of a circular sent out by D. Robertson and R. Coates, of Milton: M. Clements, T. G. Matheson, Geo. E. McCraney, J. W. Elliott, J. S. Deacon, D. Robertson, W. J. Armstrong, John Irving, Rev. C. E. White, C. S. Racey, Richard White, E. F. Earl, W. Jno. Armstrong, W. Shepherd, W. Clements, and R. Coates.

D. Robertson was elected Chairman of the meeting, and R. Coates, Secretary.

Moved by J. S. Deacon, seconded by W. J. Armstrong, that in the opinion of this meeting it is advisable to form an Historical Society for the County of Halton, and that it be affiliated with the Ontario Historical Society under the name of "The Halton Historical Society." Carried.

The following are the officers elected:

President, - - - D. Roberston, M.D., Registrar.
Secretary-Treasurer, - R. Coates, Town Clerk.

Vice-Presidents:

John Ramsay, Gentleman, for Township of Nassagaweya.
K. H. Munn, Gentleman, for the Township of Trafalgar.
Daniel McLaren, Clerk, for the Township of Nelson.
John Warren, Gentleman, for the Township of Esquesing.

Executive Committee:

Matthew Clements, Sheriff; Rev. C. E. White, Rector Grace Church; J. S. Deacon, P.S.I., County Halton, Mayor; Samuel Dice, ex-Mayor; Mrs. G. S. Bowes; Mrs. T. G. Matheson; W. H. Young, Postmaster, Oakville; J. W. Elliott, B.A., Barrister; H. McMaster, Poet; George Black; Thos. G. Matheson, Crown Attorney, County Halton; Geo. E. McCraney, L.L.B., Barrister.

Auditors:

Hugh Campbell, William J. Armstrong, Contractor.

Annual fee, twenty-five cents.

In accordance with the foregoing minutes we hereby apply for affiliation with the Ontario Historical Society under the name of "The Halton Historical Society."

D. ROBERTSON, *President.*
R. COATE, *Secretary.*

WOMEN'S CANADIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF TORONTO.

OFFICERS.

President, - - - -	Lady Edgar.
Vice-Presidents, - - -	Mrs. Forsyth Grant. Mrs. Edward Leigh.
Treasurer, - - - -	Miss E. Yates Farmer, 351 Huron Street.
Secretary, - - - -	Miss FitzGibbon, 1 Avenue Chambers, Spadina and College.

Executive Committee.

Mrs. James Bain. - - - -	Mrs. Morrison.
Mrs. W. Cummings. - - - -	Miss Beard.
Miss Mickle. - - - - -	Miss Ellerby.

During the past year the Society has enrolled a steadily increasing number of members. The eight regular meetings have been well attended, and a corresponding increase in the interest taken in its work and objects was noticeable.

The room hitherto kindly placed at the disposal of the Society by the council of the Canadian Institute becoming too small to accommodate the attendance, the President and Secretary waited upon the Honorable Dr. Ross, Minister of Education, and through his kindness obtained the use of the examiners' room in the Educational Building. The wall space being otherwise occupied, and the increas- membership, will, however, necessitate the procuring of a larger room in the near future.

Eight regular meetings have been held, at which the following paper have been read: "King William's War, 1689-1697," by the Secretary. "Quebec in 1775," by Mrs. S. G. Wood. "War of the Spanish Succession, or Queen Anne's War, 1702-1713," by Mrs. Forsyth Grant. "Brebœuf's Wanderings," by Lady Edgar. "War of the Austrian Succession, or King George's War," by Miss Ada McKellar. "Wayside Records," or Notes gathered from U. E. Loyalists' Tombstones and their History, by Miss Sara Mickle. "The Conflict in the Ohio Valley," by Miss Grant Macdonald. "Some Archives," by Mrs. H. W. Harrison (Seranus). This paper was read by special request, it having been prepared and read by her at the meeting of

the Ontario Historical Society's Winter Session. "The Campaign on Lakes Champlain and George," by Miss Lefroy. "Historical Ramble up Yonge Street," by Miss Bessie Macmurchy. "The Taking of Louisbourg," by Miss Mabel McLean Helliwell. "The Historical Interest of the Mackinac Trip," by Mrs. Willoughby Cummings.

Of these papers, "King William's War," by the Secretary, has been published in the current number of the Wentworth Historical Society Transactions. "The Taking of Louisbourg," by Miss Helliwell, in the Saturday Globe, with illustrations.

The publication of the programme for the season had an excellent effect on the attendance, and the plan of following a consecutive line of study in one of the papers at each meeting was also much appreciated.

The Society has had to mourn the death of its first President and life-member, Mrs. S. A. Curzon, also in the death of William Kingsford, F.R.S.C., the historian, one of its most valuable honorary members.

The only publication issued by the Society this year, beside its annual report, is a paper by the late Mrs. S. A. Curzon, "The Hour at which the Battle of Queenston Heights was Fought." This is accompanied by an "In Memoriam Paper on her Life and Work," by Lady Edgar.

It is the intention to have a portrait of their first President and founder of the Society painted in the near future.

In response to the request of Sir James LeMoine, President of the Quebec Historical Society, the Women's Society passed a resolution condemning the proposed erection of a monument at Quebec to the invader Montgomery, and appointed a committee to confer with other societies and secure their co-operation in making a protest to the Government against the unprecedented proposal of the erection of a monument to do honor to an invader within the borders of a country he had invaded, and which, if successful, he had by proclamation given over to destruction.

The Society took an active part in the session of the Ontario Society held in February, in Toronto, and had the pleasure of entertaining the delegates from Ottawa and Hamilton to luncheon.

The principal work undertaken and carried through by the members of the Women's Canadian Historical Society who were on the committee, was the very successful Historical Exhibition recently held by the generosity of the Board in Victoria College, Queen's Park.

While the exhibition was held under the auspices of the Ontario

Historical Society, the members of the committee appointed who were most instrumental in carrying it through to a successful issue were undoubtedly the women, and as these were all members of the Woman's Canadian Historical Society it should go to a large extent to the credit of that Society, and particularly to the individual members who were on the committee.

The Society has the honor of adding to the honorary membership Dr. John Campbell, F.R.S.C., of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, and Dr. Douglas Brymner, F.R.S.C., of Ottawa. Forty-two ordinary members have also been elected during the past year.

The Society has received several donations of books, autograph copies of works by Canadian authors. A copy of a large map of the Dominion from the Department of Railways and Canals, Ottawa, and a donation of $10.00 from Mr. Wm. Farmer, of Brockton House, Ancaster.

A small number of the exhibits loaned for the Historical Exhibition have also been placed in the care of the Society until a museum for Toronto is founded, and a proper place for their safe keeping and exhibition is provided, and it is a matter patent to all that, were such a room or building provided, an ever increasing number of historic records and relics of value would continue to be placed in it either as a loan or gift by their present owners. The following is the list of those presented:

Framed copy of facsimile of the New England *Courant*, February 4th, 1723.—First paper printed by Benjamin Franklin. Presented to Historical Society by Mrs. Jane Sulley James, Toronto.

Safe.—First used in Galt, Ontario. Presented by Miss Dickson. Entrusted to the care of the Woman's Canadian Historical Society of Toronto, until museum is founded.

Old blue Delft plate, part of dinner set formerly belonging to Governor Gore.—Presented by Miss Logan, Whitby.

German Print.—Caricature of Napoleon, with burlesque of his titles. Date about 1813-4. The context suggests at the date when the allies were negotiating for peace to Germany's disadvantage before the battle of Liepzig.

Stone axe picked up at the Humber. French axe found embedded in the fork of a tree at Niagara. Presented by William Armstrong, The Priory.

Autograph Sonnet.—By the late Archibald Lampman.

Autograph Poem.—By Duncan Campbell Scott. Presented by Mr. Scott, Ottawa.

Autograph, page of M.SS.—By late Alphæus Todd, author and Parliamentary Librarian. Presented by his son, Alfred Todd, Esq. (These were in reponse to a request made by the Secretary of the Exhibition Committee, as the beginning of a collection of autographs of Canadian authors of note.)

Some Old Coins.—Presented by Mrs. J. M. Currie, St. Catharines.

A number of autograph letters, extracts, and other documents, formerly belonging to the late Ferdinand Brock Tupper, Guernsey, nephew and biographer of Major-General Sir Isaac Brock. Entrusted to Miss FitzGibbon by Miss Tupper, Candie, Guernsey, to be given to the Historical Museum in Toronto, when established.

Hand-made brass shoe buckles, worn by soldiers in Canada in 1759. Presented by Mr. Tinning, York Pioneers.

A facsimile of a letter written by Wolfe at Quebec. Presented by Mr. Heydon.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MARY AGNES FITZGIBBON,
Hon. Secy. W.C.H.S. of Toronto.

June 14th, 1899.

WENTWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

HAMILTON, Ont., June 13th, 1899.

In presenting a brief report of the Wentworth Historical Society, the eleventh of its history, we are pleased to be able to note the substantial progress that has been made in forwarding the objects for which this Society was organized. This Society, since its inception, has been endeavoring to secure the erection of monuments at Stoney Creek and Burlington Heights in commemoration of the signal victory won June 6th, 1813. The unceasing efforts of our past president, Mr. George H. Mills, and the Executive Council, have at length been rewarded, and Parliament has made an appropriation for the desired object.

During the year we have published the second volume of our transactions, and have forwarded copies to public libraries, to historical societies, and to individuals whom we knew to be interested in the history of our country.

It gives us pleasure also to note that the new institution in connection with the schools of this country, Empire Day, has this year been duly inaugurated. The enthusiastic way in which it has been introduced, and the judicious manner in which it has been conducted, give promise of good results. The Wentworth Historical Society has a particular interest in this subject on account of the prominent part which its Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. C. Fessenden, has taken in presenting it to the Government and to Public School boards.

During the year seven general meetings were held by this Society. One, a special meeting on the 17th Oct., 1898, was held to protest against the erection of a monument to Gen. Montgomery at Quebec. A formal motion of protest was passed, and a petition in accordance therewith was forwarded to the Government.

Four of the meetings were open to the public, and at these addresses were given and papers read, as follows:

December 13th, 1898—An address by Hon. Dr. Montague, and a paper read by Mrs. M. E. Rose Holden, entitled, "Burlington Beach, Bay, and Heights in History."

January 12th, 1899—An address by Mr. H. F. Gardiner, editor Hamilton *Daily Times*, and a paper read by Miss Agnes FitzGibbon, of Toronto, entitled, "King William's War, and what it had to do with Canadian History."

February 14th—A paper was read by James H. Coyne, Esq., President of Ontario Historical Society, entitled, "A Century of Achievement."

March 14th—David Boyle, Esq., Secretary of Ontario Historical Society, read a paper entitled, "Human Paradoxes."

The thanks of this Society are due to the ladies and gentlemen who have so ably assisted in keeping up the interest in historical work by these addresses and papers; to the Royal Society of Canada, with which this Society is affiliated, for its annual volume of valuable papers; to the Clerk of Parliament, for copies of Votes and Proceedings and Reports of Dominion Parliament; and to the Legislature of this Province for its generous grant, which has enabled us to publish our volume of transactions.

The present membership of the Wentworth Historical Society is about 70. We look forward to the coming year with anticipations of increased strength and the hope that much good work may be accomplished.

The officers elected for the ensuing year are as follows:

President, - - - - -	F. W. Fearman.
1st Vice-President, - - - -	Alex. McKay.
2nd " " - - - -	J. O. Brant-Sero.
3rd " " - - - -	C. R. McCullough.
Secretary, - - - - -	Justus A. Griffin.
Treasurer, - - - - -	John H. Land.
Corresponding Secretary, - -	Mrs. C. Fessenden.

Executive Council:

Lieut.-Col. H. McLaren,	J. W. Jones,
Adam Brown,	Hon. Dr. Montague,
Charles Lemon,	Walter Davis,
R. T. Lancefield,	J. G. Y. Burkholder,

Major F. Snider.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JUSTUS A. GRIFFIN, *Secretary.*

WOMEN'S WENTWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

HAMILTON, June 12th, 1899.

At the annual meeting of the Ladies' Committee of the Wentworth Historical Society, held last May, the members decided to sever their connection with the Wentworth Historical Society, and become an independent society, and to change their name to the Women's Wentworth Historical Society The officers for 1899-1900 are :

Honorary President, - - -	Mrs. W. E. Sanford.
President, - - -	Mrs. John Calder.
1st Vice-President, - - -	Mrs. John S. Hendrie.
2nd " " - - -	Mrs. R. R. Waddell.
3rd " " - - -	Mrs. Alex. McKay.
Recording Secretary, - - -	Mrs. J. V. Teetzel.
Corresponding Secretary, - -	Miss Minnie Jean Nisbet.
Treasurer, - -	Mrs A. T. Freed.
Historian, - -	Mrs. J. R. Holden.

Through the prompt and energetic action of the President, Mrs. Calder, the Society has secured the historic Gage house where Generals Winder and Chandler had their headquarters, and four and one-half acres of land where, it is said, the hottest part of the battle of Stony Creek raged. We can claim the honor of being the first in Canada to secure for permanent preservation any place connected with our early history. The ladies are having the house put in first-class order and furnished with old furniture, pictures, etc. One room will be used as a museum for old relics, etc. The Society also intend to form a Canadian library, to contain as far as possible the works of Canadian authors and also historical books. The men of Stony Creek have given most valuable aid in clearing up the grounds, cutting a new road, etc., and have turned the place into a handsome public park. Edward Corman was captain of a band of willing workers who not only gave their services, but furnished teams, ploughs, etc., although this was a busy time with the farmers. It is a singular coincidence that Edward Corman should have been in charge of these improvements, as it was his grandfather, Peter Corman, who furnished the American countersign to Col. Harvey which enabled him to surprise the Americans and win the battle of Stony Creek.

The citizens of Hamilton have subscribed liberally towards paying for this property, and people, both in the city and county, have donated furniture and other things for the house.

The membership of the Society gained rapidly, and contains women from all over Wentworth county.

As soon as the improvements to the house are completed, the park and a portion of the house will be open to the public. We extend a cordial invitation to all members of the Ontario Historical Society to come and visit this historic place.

MINNIE JEAN NISBET,
Cor. Sec. W.W.H.S.

MEMBERS OF THE ONTARIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Ex Officio.

His Excellency the Right Hon. the Earl of Minto, Governor-General of Canada.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T., G.C.M.G., Haddo House, Scotland.

His Honor the Hon. Sir Oliver Mowat, Q.C., L.L.D., G.C.M.G., Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, Toronto.

Hon. Clifford Sifton, Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs, Ottawa.

Hon. George W. Ross, LL.D., Minister of Education for Ontario, Toronto.

Dr. Douglas Brymner, C.M.G., Dominion Archivist, Ottawa.

Rev. George M. Wrong, M.A., Professor of History, University of Toronto.

Rev. G. D. Ferguson, B.A., Professor of History, Queen's University, Kingston.

Rev. O. Rigby, M.A., Professor of History, Trinity University, Toronto.

Albert H. Newman, D.D., L.L.D., Professor of History, McMaster University, Toronto.

A. R. Bain, M.A., L.L.D., Professor of History, Victoria University, Toronto.

Rev. D. Sullivan, P.M.I., Professor of History, University of Ottawa.

J. W. Tupper, M.A., Ph.D., Professor of English Literature and History, Western University, London, Ont.

David Boyle, Provincial Archæological Museum, Toronto.

Honorary.

J. G. Hodgins, L.L.D., Historiographer of Ontario, Education Department, Toronto.

Lieutenant-Colonel Ernest Cruikshank, Fort Erie.

Corresponding.

General J. S. Clark, Auburn, N.Y.

Frank H. Severance, Secretary of Historical Society, Buffalo, N.Y.

Annual.

J. Ojijatekha Brant-Sero, Pinder Lodge, Wentworth Street South, Hamilton.
Augustus S. Vogt, 64 Pembroke Street, Toronto.
David Boyle, 316 Berkeley Street, Toronto.
Wm. Robertson, M.A., Collegiate Institute, St. Catharines.
C. C. James, M.A., Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Toronto.
Hon. James Young, "Thornhill," Galt.
James H. Coyne, B.A., Registrar, St. Thomas.
A. E. Lang, B.A., Czar Street, Toronto.
Rev. D. B. Macdonald, Bendale.
Mary A. FitzGibbon, 1 Avenue Chambers, Toronto.
George N. Morang, Wellington Street West, Toronto.
B. McEvoy, Wellington Street West, Toronto.
Mrs. N. E. Watts, Tyrone.
Rev. Wm. Briggs, D.D., Toronto.
E. S. Caswell, Methodist Book Room, Toronto.
A. F. Rutter, Front Street West, Toronto.
E. J. Hathaway, Front Street West, Toronto.
Hon. James Currie, Registrar, St. Catharines.
Alfred Willson, 626 Church Street, Toronto.
Lucy M. Ellerby, 18 Gloucester Street, Toronto.
Edgar A. James, Thornhill.
Janet Carnochan, Niagara.
Richard D. Baxter, Burlington.
David H. Price, Aylmer.
George Allison, Waterdown.
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